

## KNITTED CAT LAVENDER BAG PATTERN

They can be used as lavender bags or Christmas tree decorations depending on the colours and the filling.

For simple toys just omit the ribbon.

*Worked in stocking stitch with double knitting and size 3.25mm (old size 10) needles.*



Cast on 10 stitches.

**Row 1:** Knit

**Row 2:** Purl

**Row 3:** (Knit 1 make 1) repeat to end of row (20 stitches)

**Row 4:** Purl

**Row 5:** (Knit 1 make 1) repeat to end of row (40 stitches)

**Rows 6 to 16:** Stocking stitch

**Rows 16 to 26:** Stocking stitch but in alternating colours (two rows each colour)

**Row 27:** (Knit 1 knit 2 together) repeat to end of row (27 stitches)

**Rows 28 to 38:** Stocking stitch

Cast off

**Finishing:** Sew up the back seam. Sew a loop of ribbon to the inside of the top seam. Sew the top seam together – make sure to keep the ribbon central. Stuff with kapok, or lavender and kapok mix. Once the cat is plump enough, sew up the bottom seam.

To emphasize the head, sew a running stitch around where you have decreased on row 27. Pull the sewing thread enough to gather and then secure. To emphasize the ears, sew a running stitch diagonally from the top centre of the head to the outer edge of each ear. Pull the sewing thread enough to gather slightly and then secure.

**Optionals:** Eyes and ears can be embroidered. A tail can be made by casting on 6 stitches and knitting stocking stitch to the desired length. Rather than casting off, pull the thread through the stitches and secure. Sew up the long seam and attach the tail to the cat so that it can wrap round the body